GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Freight Earning
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether faced with decline in freight earning, the Railways has rationalized coal tariff by reducing the rate for long distance transportation and increasing it for short distances and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said move of the railways is to arrest the decline in freight revenues which has seen a 7.74% fall in July and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the coal loading has also witnessed a decline during April-July, 2016; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) Yes, Madam. Railways have rationalized Coal & Coke tariff structure by reducing the freight in the range of -1% to -15% for distances beyond 700 Kms. The freight rates below 100 kms. have also been reduced substantially by reducing the minimum distance for charge from 125 Kms. to 100 Kms. for all commodities. Moreover, for the traffic moving for distances between 0-50 Kms., 51-75 Kms. and 76-90 Kms., concession of 30%, 10% and 5% respectively, is being granted. There has been only a slight increase in freight in the range of 1% to 9% for the distances between 101-700 Kms.
(b) Yes, Madam. There is a decline of 7.74% in freight earning during July, 2016 as compared to July, 2015 on originating basis. The rationalization has been done to increase long lead traffic of coal.
(c)&(d) Yes, Madam. During April-July, 2016, coal loading was 176.99 Million Tonnes as against a loading of 180.02 Million Tonnes achieved in the corresponding period of previous year.
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